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Richard Picker

SPECIALIZING IN EARLY U. S. AND COLONIAL COINS AND CURRENCY

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1/23/81

Dear Eric:

Please excuse the haste of this short note. Am working feverishly to get all my work done, and get back down to Fla. Hope to leave by the 28th if not before. Please check the enclosed carefully. I'm very suspicious of it. It weighs 275.7 grains, which is much too heavy. When you're finished, please return to Tom DeLorey at ANACS, registered for $500., and please send me a copy of your report to him. I'm also expecting a long letter from you about all the things I sent you in the past several months. Happy New Year.

Kindest regards,

E-4461-G

Sincerely,

Dick

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

March 10, 1981

Registered Mail #234657 4.90
Postage .41
5.31

ANACS
818 North Cascade
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Gentlemen:

E-4461-G

Oak Tree Shilling. Wt 4.90 grams. 75.6 grains. It is excessive in weight and therefore suspect. It is of too small diameter and therefore does not show any outside ring of beads on either face.

When turned on the horizontal axis of the obverse the reverse is offset clockwise about 110 degrees. There is a radial planchet split between N and M on the obverse and between the N and E of NEW on the reverse. This split occurred in striking and extends into the tree base.

Because of the recutting of dies from time to time the features of the same pair of dies often differ. Therefore, differences in letter detail, tree detail and ring detail may not be diagnostic of a forgery. All elements of this piece are similar to Oak Tree Noe 5 in position so the differences must be first observed and compared. Eight die progressions of the reverse are illustrated in Noe, p. 131.

The major obverse differences are:

The left ends of the two lower left branches do not curl upward enough as in Noe 5. Each S is shaped differently from each S on Noe 5. The serif on the right end of the center horizontal element of E is diagonal at 60 degrees rather than almost vertical and could be caused by movement of the E. There is a sharp rise in the inner circle of beads under the second S and is not caused by movement. The crossbar of H is very much thicker than Noe 5. There are no die breaks.

The major reverse differences are:

A in ENGLAND has much wider elements than Noe 5. Center point is nearer 5 than upright of I. The loop of the 6 does not close on itself. The serifs on the base of the second I of XII are not substantial.

There is a dot out of line in the beaded circle under the right base of W. The left diagonal of M in DOM is as thick as the right diagonal.

Diagonal of second N is too wide.

There are no die breaks.

The splitting of the planchet in striking apparently caused double striking as follows:

On the obverse the beaded circle is out of line under AT. On the reverse the beaded circle is out of line under the second AN. Many of the beads on each face show some movement of the dies. The stop between M and N is shaped like a jelly bean instead of circular and does not seem to be caused by slippage during striking. The double striking of E on the obverse is noted.

To apply logic to the coin we must determine if it could have been cut before Noe 5 types or after Noe 5 types. From the reverse having no die breaks the striking, if genuine, had to be early. From the reverse having an open 6 in the date, the striking, if genuine, had to be earlier than the closed strikings. The lettering on both obverse and reverse has some thicker elements than the subsequent strikings and such thickness cannot change into thinner elements in later strikings. Thus, the possibility of this being a cutting or recutting of genuine dies disappears.

The conclusion is that a carefully copied pair of dies was engraved from a Noe 5 design. Some mistakes were made, but a generally good job was done. The planchet was too thick and split on striking of this piece. The planchet weighed too much because it was too thick and the diameter had to be made smaller, but this did not reduce it enough in weight. The coin is a very dangerous forgery. The same dies have probably been used for other forgeries which do not have weight or diameter problems.

There is a Becker Oak Tree forgery of Noe 5, but it is much cruder in detail than the submitted forgery.

E-2170-H - 1766 Pitt farthing 3.67 grams. The field on both faces is very mottled. The lettering on both faces is weak and rough. Each of the three Rs in RESTORER is extremely weak at the bottom. There is a lump under right base of H of THANKS. Original pieces are struck on a cast planchet. This piece is entirely cast and a forgery.

Please refer to another cast forgery of this coin submitted as E-3766-G.

E-3443-H - London Elephant token with a thick flan. 14.61 grams. 8.68 sp. gr. The specific gravity is too low. The edge has several circumferential splits and some gray color spots. There is a prominent gray spot opposite the center of the elephant's tail. The coin is an electrotype and thus false.

The coins are returned.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Encls.

March 1981

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Forgery (see 21N opinion)
E 4461-6
4.90 grams

Forgery (See EPN opinion)

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4.90 grams

Add at the end

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AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

CERTIFICATION SERVICE

818 N. Cascade
Colorado Springs, Co. 80903

March 6, 1981

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

CONSULTANT'S REQUEST

Enclosed are the following coins for your opinions

Coin Number	Owner's Value	Comments	Consultant's Opinion
E-2170-H	$ 500.00	Genuine or not?	Pitt Farling
E-3443-H	500.00	Genuine or not?	Ted Pressene London Herb Planchet

Total Value $1,000.00

Check enclosed for return postage-------$ 5.44

Sincerely,

Tom

Tom DeLorey
ANACS

5/18/81

ANACS

I have no authority to submit this piece for ANACS authentication but wanted you to have all the information since it involves an association of two pieces already submitted.

Eric P. Newman

FROM THE DESK OF **ERIC P. NEWMAN**

200
242
4.42

ANACS

$1,000 -
Postage

3.90
52
4.42

#234662

American Numismatic Association
P.O. Box 2366 · Colorado Springs · Colorado 80901
(303) 473-9112

EDWARD C. ROCHETTE
Executive Vice President

June 15, 1981

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Eric:

Every June I find myself dictating a letter of appreciation to those consultants who have helped ANACS enjoy the successes that it has accomplished. I am the first to realize that we would not be able to brag about our services if it were not for the dedicated efforts of the consultants. When I first started writing these letters, I was comparing the growth on a year to year basis. Later it was on a six months basis, and now I am doing it on a monthly frequency. Just this past month alone, we increased the number of coins by twenty percent over the previous month. Our record for May was a mere 75 coins short of the 6,000 figure.

Your professional expertise is one of the contributing factors to our success and I know I speak for the entire board and staff when I say, "thank you."

I am sorry to say that although we have increased the volume of business, there is no increase in honorarium that we send to you. As you must realize, we could never pay you the amount that your services are really worth to us. But I trust that you will accept the $1.00 stipend in the spirit that it is given and allow us to be indebted to you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Edward C. Rochette

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Enclosure

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

CERTIFICATION SERVICE

818 N. Cascade
Colorado Springs, Co. 80903

October 9, 1981

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

CONSULTANT'S REQUEST

Enclosed are the following coins for your opinions

Coin Number	Owner's Value		Comments	Consultant's Opinion
E-3750-L	$ 3,000.00	Willow Tree Wd	Genuine?	Noe 3-C Triple or quadruple struck 4.59 grams 70.9 grains
E-3403-L	350.00	1793 with a Indep United States	Genuine? Restrike?	Baker 3A 9.41 grams
E-3404-L	300.00	1793 Wash a Indep United States	Genuine? Restrike?	Baker 3A 9.31 grams.

Total Value $ 3,650.00

Check enclosed for return postage-------$ 5.97

Sincerely,

Tom

Tom DeLorey
ANACS

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

October 19, 1981

REGISTERED MAIL #234670 - ($1000 - 3.90
Post. .52
$4.42)

ANACS
818 North Cascade
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Gentlemen:

Our opinions are as follows on the coins returned herewith:

E-3750-I - Willow Tree shilling Noe 3-C obverse has been struck three or four times. 4.592 grams 70.9 grains. Genuine.

E-3403-L - 1783 Washington & Independence Baker 3A 9.41 grams. This is a restrike of some period. Edge is smooth and vertical to faces.

E-3404-L - 1783 Washington & Independence Baker 3A 9.31 grams. Restrike of some period. Edge is smooth and vertical to faces.

PLEASE PUT SPECIFIC GRAVITY ON ALL COINS SENT.

PLEASE SEND PRINT OF PHOTO OF E-3750-I FOR OUR FILE.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Encls.

ANACS
818 N Cascade
Colo Springs Colo 80903

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Genuine.

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Baker 3A 9.41 grams. This is a restrike. ~~It may be a later restrike than the first restrikes.~~ Edge is smooth and vertical to faces.

E-3404-L 1783 Washington + Independence
Baker 3A 9.31 grams, Restrike ~~from~~ of some period ~~some~~ Edge is smooth and vertical to faces.

~~Hope we~~

PLEASE PUT SPECIFIC GRAVITY ON ALL COINS SENT
PLEASE SEND PRINT OF PHOTO OF E-3750-I for our file

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

October 23, 1981

Mr. Bertram M. Cohen
667 West Street
Leominster, MA 01453

Dear Mr. Cohen:

We have studied your Crosby Plate VI #3 New Hampshire copper. It weighs 150½ grains and has an 8.36 specific gravity. Your piece has multiple raised casting defects under the left foliage of the tree. It was owned by Clinton Putnam of Warner, N. H. who sold it to Dr. John Miller of Laconia, N. H. It was in Dr. Miller's possession in 1957. It was illustrated as item #121 in Taxay's Encyclopedia in 1970. In 1977 it was listed by NASCA as part of the Matthew Bryan Collection Sale, being lot #57 and illustrated. It then belonged to Malcolm Chell-Frost and was bought back by him. We would like to know from whom you bought it to add to the pedigree. The undated newspaper article and the description in the NASCA sale report it as the Newcomer-Green example. This is not accurate because the Newcomer inventory does not describe this example. In addition, we happen to own the Newcomer-Green example which traces back to #900 in the 1/25/18 Elder Sale of the B. C. Bartlett Collection where it is illustrated.

Only the Stickney example (sold 6/25/07 lot 112 and illustrated in the Standard Catalog) was known to Dickeson (1859) and to Crosby (1873), but others began to show up. Stickney says his was unique in the American Journal of Numismatics Vol. 3, p. 36 (1868). The Garrett Collection on October 1, 1980 sold its 154.9 grain example as lot #1323 which was supposedly Stickney, but its condition was better than Stickney. A 151 grain example in the Herman Collection #138 was sold by Scott on June 26, 1893. I cannot determine whether the Elder Sale of lot #14(b) on September 30, 1905 from the Barker Collection is the same piece. Another example was sold in the Parmelee Sale as lot 361 in 1890 and is in the Norweb Collection. Another example illustrated in the Red Book is traced to John Gilbody - to Harold Whiteneck via Mayflower Coin Co. to Herbert Oechsner in 1957. A piece was attributed to K. Adams ownership in 1963.

Horace Brand about 1955 claimed to own a piece, but it had a triangle cut on the reverse. This may have been a harp which looked like a triangle and such a harp is on a forgery of a different style.

I also have a forgery dated 1777 of the same general style as Crosby Plate VI #3, except for the date and cruder letters.

As you can conclude from the foregoing, there are about six pieces of the type of yours known. They have always been recognized as casts from their weakness, texture and specific gravity. Those I have seen are the same quality.

Casting in 1776 was a fairly well developed technique. It was usually done in sand. The mold could be plaster or a transfer in plaster from a plaster negative. The port for pouring was either at the edge or in the field under the left side of the tree. Shrinkage in copper casting was due to some adulteration of the copper.

If any N. H. pieces are genuine, then yours is. I am of the opinion that your piece is genuine, but there will always be a doubt as to whether any N. H. pieces are genuine. If they are forgeries, your variety was made before 1859 when Dickeson illustrated it.

We have given this subject an extensive review. Kenneth Bressett and Richard Picker gave us the facts they knew and we appreciate it. We were glad to restudy our old file on the subject of N. H.

We hope we have been helpful and that you will send the coin to ANACS with a copy of this opinion. The coin is returned to Richard Picker as was understood.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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P.S. On page 237 of Early American coppers for September 15, 1981, Dana Linett is said to own a N. H. copper. Is this the example which you acquired?

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AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

CERTIFICATION SERVICE

818 N. Cascade
Colorado Springs, Co. 80903

February 8, 1982

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

CONSULTANT'S REQUEST

Enclosed are the following coins for your opinions

Coin Number	Owner's Value	Comments	Consultant's Opinion
E-2263-P	$ 5,500.00	Counterfeit? (Donated to reference collection as counterfeit, but need to confirm.)	Pitt forging
E-9052-P	5,000.00	Genuine? (Owner got it from Dana Linett and says he has a letter from you, but did not enclose a copy of it.)	N.H copper.

Total Value $ 10,500.00

Check enclosed for return postage--------$

Sincerely,

Tom

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

opn mailed this

March 4, 1982

$1,000 - 3.90
.54
$4.44

REGISTERED MAIL

American Numismatic Association
Certification Service
818 North Cascade
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Attn: Mr. Tom Delorey

Dear Tom:

E-2263-P - Pitt Farthing. Weight 4.17 grams. Sp. gr. 8.25. My opinion is that this coin is genuine. All Pitt Farthings are on cast planchets. The mottled coloring on this piece is very normal. It is in unusually nice condition. It makes a very lovely addition to the ANA reference collection and is better than the one in my collection. I would be interested in knowing who felt this was counterfeit.

E-9052-P - New Hampshire Copper 9.72 grams. 8.67 Sp. gr. (my original measurements differ somewhat). I enclose a copy. I wrote an opinion dated October 23, 1981 to Bertram M. Cohen and a copy of that opinion is enclosed. The answer is that if any New Hampshire pieces are genuine, this coin in our opinion is genuine. These cast New Hampshire pieces have been known since 1859. I do not know what kind of a certification you should give under these circumstances.

The coins are returned herewith. We hope we have been of service.

Very truly yours,

Eric P. Newman

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JOHN J. SMIES
Director

MARY THOMPSON
Office Manager

THOMAS K. DELOREY
Senior Authenticator

October 30, 1981

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

Upon my retirement as Director of ANACS it is my desire to express my appreciation of your expertise that you have afforded this service.

I know that you will continue this valuable service for us and the industry and in hopes that I'll be seeing all of you at some future show or convention, I remain,

Numismatically yours,

John J. Smies
Director

JJS:mt

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

CERTIFICATION SERVICE

818 N. Cascade
Colorado Springs, Co. 80903

Nov. 12, 1981

E. G. V. Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63105

CONSULTANT'S REQUEST

Enclosed are the following coins for your opinions

Coin Number	Owner's Value	Comments	Consultant's Opinion
E-3514-I	$ 500.00	Genuine or not? Declared counterfeit by three consultants in this country and genuine by a fourth. However, allegedly seen and declared genuine by Münzen and Medaillen and Malcolm Hay.	

Total Value $500.00

Check enclosed for return postage-------$ 3.94

Sincerely,

Tom

Tom DeLorey

ANACS

This was intended for E. G. V. Newman of London instead of for me. The check, letter and coin are returned here with.

11/16/81

FROM THE DESK OF **ERIC P. NEWMAN**

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

CERTIFICATION SERVICE

818 N. Cascade
Colorado Springs, Co. 80903

December 30, 1981

Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis MO 63105

CONSULTANT'S REQUEST

Enclosed are the following coins for your opinions

Coin Number	Owner's Value $		Comments	Consultant's Opinion
E-7470-L	600	Bar Cent	Genuine?	
E-9244-L	500	Rhode Island in Tin	Genuine? (RP says genuine but wanted you to see)	Sp gr 7.11
E-0318-N	250	Rhode Island with ornament in pot metal	Genuine?	Sp gr 10.08

Total Value $ 1350

Check enclosed for return postage-------$

Sincerely,

Tom DeLorey

Thomas K. DeLorey
ANACS

No check enclosed

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

February 3, 1982

ANACS — Reg. #234680 ($600 - 3.90
818 North Cascade Post. 54
Colorado Springs, CO 80903 $4.44)

Gentlemen:

There was no specific gravity given for E-7470-L. There was no check for return postage. Our opinion is as follows:

E-7470-L Bar Cent. 5.41 grams. Die break normal. Dull red surface. Rouch planchet. Left upright of A visible over U. Genuine.

E-9244-L Rhode Island medal in tin. 8.58 grams. 7.11 sp. gr. Ornament not removed. Well struck and very sharp. Bright shiny tin surface on field. Tin pest shows around some borders on both sides and affects edge. This is the first genuine piece I have seen. Thank you.

E-0318-N Rhode Island medal in pot metal. Ornament not removed. 7.57 grams. 10.08 sp. gr. Dark gray cast with raised parts lighter in color. Letters and design weak and flat. Sp. gr. too high. Forgery.

I hope I have been helpful.

Very truly yours,

Eric P. Newman

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ANACS

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~~My~~ Our opinion is as follows:

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Die break normal. Dull red surface
Rough planchet. ~~A shows slight~~
Left upright of A visible over U.
Genuine.

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